



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Acting Director of Public Health

At its meeting held Wednesday, July 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On June 8, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration approved a promising new vaccine that protects against two types of a virus that can cause cervical cancer, the fifth leading cause of death from cancer in women. The vaccine is expected to become available later this year which means that Los Angeles County must immediately prepare for its arrival. We need to know what efforts our Public Health and Health Services Departments are planning to make sure that the vaccine and information about it are available to all County residents who can benefit from this potentially life-saving vaccine.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Acting Director of Public Health to report back by July 11, 2006 on the following:

1. Cervical cancer incidences and trends in Los Angeles County;
2. Incidence of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in Los Angeles County male residents;
3. Overview of Public Health's current cervical cancer prevention efforts; and
4. Include the following information on the new Cervical Cancer Vaccine:
 - The safety, effectiveness, and duration of the Food and Drug Administration approved cervical cancer vaccine;

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- Why the vaccine is only licensed for females ages 9 through 26, and not to women beyond 26 years of age;
- What is the potential benefit of making the vaccine available to males since they may spread HPV to women through sexual contact;
- Will the vaccine be required by schools;
- How will the benefits and risks be explained to parents, including non-English speaking parents;
- When is the vaccine expected to be available to Los Angeles County residents and how will it be distributed;
- What are the potential costs to the County when this vaccine becomes available; and
- Who will pay for the cost of the uninsured and underinsured?

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